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SUBJECT: IEA: NORWEIGIAN ADHERENCE TO LONG-TERM PROGRAM

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1. WE TRANSMITTED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL A TO DAVIGNON JAN. 15 BEFORE HE LEFT BRUSSELS FOR MEETING OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN LUXEMBOURG. HE WILL RETURN JAN. 21. IN THE MEANTIME, LEONARD OF FONMIN ENERGY OFFICE HAS DISCUSSED DAVIGNON'S REACTION WITH US. ACCORDING TO LEONARD, DAVIGNON SAYS HE IS MUCH MORE WORRIED ABOUT OTTAWA THAN ABOUT OSLO. DAVIGNON WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS TALKS WITH NORWEIGIANS LAST WEEK. HE RECOGNIZES THAT NORWAY CANNOT UNDERTAKE IMPORTANT NEW COMMITMENTS TO IEA IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT BUT THINKS NORWEGIANS WILL TAKE A POSITIVE POSITION TOWARD LONG-TERM PROGRAM AT JAN. 29-30 GB MEETING.

2. CANADA, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS REJECTED DAVIGNON'S LATEST PROPOSED FORMULA, WHEREBY THEY WOULD COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE PROGRAM BUT MAKE A STATEMENT AT THE TIME OF IEA ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM EXPRESSING THEIR RESERVATIONS. LEONARD SAYS THAT DAVIGNON'S PROPOSAL WENT A LONG WAY TOWARDS ACCEPTANCE OF THE CANADIAN POSITION. THUS THEIR FLAT REJECTION OF IT
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IS DISCOURAGING. DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN

THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AND FONMIN ENERGY OFFICE DIRECTOR
DENIS IN AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE POSITION.
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